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To the Chairman and Members of the Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for the year ending 1937.

I am sorry to say there is no improvement in the Cotton Trade. We must look to other industries coming into the district to take its place.

UNEMPLOYMENT.

In January, 1937, there were wholly or temporarily unemployed: Men, 29; Women, 34; no Boys; no Girls. In January, 1938: Men, 18; Women, 52; Boys, 2; Girls, 1.

A few more men have thus been found employment.

BIRTH RATE.

The Birth Rate for the year is 10.5 compared with 12.6 for the previous year and 14.9 for England and Wales.

DEATH RATE.

The Death Rate for 1937 is 8.9 compared with 14.9 for the previous year and 12.4 for England and Wales.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

There were more cases notified during the year than had been for some years.

HOUSING.

No new houses have been erected during the year. Plans are being prepared by the Council for the erection of twenty houses.

SCAVENGING.

The Scavenging of the district of Tintwistle is being carried out by the Council in a very satisfactory manner.

I must thank Mr. Bell for his valuable assistance during the year.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

GEORGE J. AWBURN, B.Hy.,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICAL.

The following are the general statistics for the year 1937:—

Area of district (acres)	11,855
Estimated Population: Estimated Resident Population	1,231
Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1937), according to Rate Books	424
Rateable Value	£24,844
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£103
Births: Legitimate ... males, 7; females, 6; total	13
Number of Women dying in, or in consequence of child birth	Nil.
Still Births (Legitimate)	1
Birth Rate	10.5
Death Rate	8.9
Infantile Death Rate	76
Deaths from Measles, Whooping Cough, or Diarrhoea	Nil.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR AREA.

Clinics and Treatment Centres: The following provisions of the Public Health Services have remained unaltered:

(*a*) Laboratory facilities.

(*b*) Ambulance facilities.

(*c*) Nursing in the homes.

(*d*) Hospitals: Public and Voluntary.

(*e*) Midwifery and Maternity Services.

WATER SUPPLY.

Tintwistle is well supplied with water by the Tintwistle Waterworks Company. It is a pity that arrangements cannot be made for the Council to take charge of the supply. More houses have been put on the Water Carriage system.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF AREA.

Vide Sanitary Inspector's Report.

SCHOOLS.

There are two Elementary Schools in Tintwistle. They have a good water supply, are well ventilated and the sanitary conveniences are satisfactory and adequate.

TUBERCULOSIS.

No cases of Respiratory or Non-Respiratory Tuberculosis were reported during the year.

Five specimens of Sputum were sent up to Chester for examination for T.B. All were negative.

According to a return issued by the County Medical Officer of Health, the number of cases of Respiratory and Non-Respiratory Tuberculosis in your area on the 31st December, 1937, was equal to 5.52 per 1,000 of population.

MILK.

The village is supplied with milk by the farmers in the surrounding district and the Co-operative Society. There are no accredited milk purveyors. As you will see from the Inspector's report, five samples were taken and all were satisfactory. Samples for T.B. are taken by the County Inspectors, who do not issue a separate report for each district.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1937.

Disease.	Total cases notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Enteric Fever	2	1	Nil.
Scarlet Fever	3	Nil.	Nil.
Diphtheria	1	Nil.	Nil.
Pneumonia	1	1	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	Nil.

Analysis of the Total Notified Cases under the following Age Groups:—

10-15	2
15-20	2
20-35	2
45-65	2

During the month of December there were a number of cases of Measles in the village.

Enteric Fever: Two cases were reported. Both were traced to Manchester, where they had been in contact with cases suffering from the disease.

Diphtheria: This case gave a positive swab and as there was no room in the Hospital was treated at home.

Puerperal Pyrexia: The case of Puerperal Pyrexia was sent to Monsal Hospital on the instruction of the Consultant sent by the County M.O.H.

ADULTERATION.

Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Act, 1928.

Mr. Hallard, Chief Inspector for the County of Chester under the above Act, reports as having taken the following samples during the year ended December 31st, 1937.

All the samples obtained were of a satisfactory nature.

Name of Sample.	Number obtained.
Buttered Ham Sandwich	1
Buttered Tea Cake...	1
Cheshire Cheese	1
Coffee Ground	1
Milk	5
Sweets	2
	11

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

So far as we know, there are no bug-infested houses.

Housing Statistics.

FOR THE YEAR 1937.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year :—

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 60

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 150

(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 ... ... Nil

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 7

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 1

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 25

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of formal Notices:—

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers 10

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year:—

A.—Proceedings under section 9 (1) of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs 25

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—

(a) By owners... 4

(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners 21

B.—Proceedings under Public Health Act :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... 38

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:—

(a) By Owners 38

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners Nil.

C.—Proceedings under sections 11—13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 4

(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 5

D.—Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made ... Nil.

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... ... Nil.

INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS, and WORKPLACES.

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances.

Premises.	Number of Inspections.	Number of Written Notices.	Number of Occupiers prosecuted.
Factories ... ... (Including Factory Laundries)	2	Nil.	Nil.
Workshops ... ... (Including Works'p Laundries)	3	Nil.	Nil.
Workplaces ... ... (Other than Outworkers' Premises)	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Total	5	Nil.	Nil.

Sanitary Inspector's Report.

Council Offices,
Manchester Road,
Tintwistle.

January 1st, 1938.

To the Chairman and Members of the Tintwistle Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my yearly report for the year ending December 31st, 1937. I wish to thank the Clerk, Mr. Osbaldeston, and Councillors for the help they have given me during that time. A copy of this report has been forwarded to the Medical Officer of Health, together with list of inspections made and notices served.

There has been no New Houses built in Tintwistle during 1937, but at present the Council are having 20 New Houses built on Speedwell Farm Estate.

HOUSING.

There are 424 inhabited dwelling-houses in the district. There are no cellar dwellings. Two cottages have been demolished and five are to be demolished. There are back-to-back houses at the bottom of Old Road, Tintwistle.

HOUSING ACTS.

Houses have been inspected under the Housing Act, 1930. In all cases where Statutory Notices have been served the necessary work has been made under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1930. In the case of 8 houses the work was carried out by the Council, under agreement with the owner.

CLOSETS, ASHPITS, ETC.

In the Urban part of the district the House Refuse is collected weekly by the Rural District Council. A galvanized iron dustbin has been provided for each house in accordance with notices served by the Council. In the Rural parts the refuse is removed by the occupiers, except at Woodhead and Crowden districts, where it is removed by the owners—the Manchester Corporation Waterworks Department. Complaints re full ashpits have been very few.

SANITARY CONVENIENCES.

The type of Sanitary Conveniences in use in the district are privies, pail closets, waste water closets and water closets. Notice has been served by the Council, under the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907 (Section 46) requiring all privies to be filled up or removed.

A new sewer having been laid along Manchester Road, Tintwistle, house owners are changing over to the Water Carriage system. At present the figures are as follows:—

Privies or pails remaining	43
Water closets	297
Waste water closets	38
Water closets fixed during 1937	55

WATER SUPPLY.

The supplies were adequate in all parts of the district, but there may be a shortage in a dry season because of the increased number of water closets.

COWKEEPERS.

The number of Cowkeepers registered are five. Dairies are attached to the farmhouses, but as a rule only small quantities of milk are kept on the premises, as it is generally sold and delivered on the day of production. The greater portion of milk is retailed locally.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

There is only one registered Slaughterhouse in the district and this is seldom used. The number of butchers in the district is three, two of whom sell meat wholly from animals slaughtered outside the district.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

Only one in the district—Tripe-boiling. The premises are not regularly used and there have been no complaints.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

There are no Common Lodging Houses in the district.

PLACES WHERE FOOD IS PRODUCED OR SOLD.

These places are very few. No food has been examined which would have been dangerous to health.

SMOKE OBSERVATIONS.

There is only one mill chimney in the district. Two observations have been taken, but no excessive smoke has been emitted.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL, SEWERAGE AND HOUSE DRAINAGE.

The disposal works at Tintwistle continue to work satisfactorily. Four samples of effluent were taken by the River Inspector and the results were satisfactory.

Alterations have been carried out to sewers in Tintwistle, namely, in Old Road, where 250 yards of 6″ earthenware pipes have been laid, replacing a stone sewer; also 150 yards of 9″ pipe on Woodhead Road.

New drains have been laid to a number of houses.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

There have been eight cases in Tintwistle during 1937. All cases have been isolated at home except two which were sent to hospital.

Disinfectants have been supplied in all cases. All houses have been fumigated; the method of stoving is by Sulphuric $S.O.^2$ cylinders.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

WILLIAM BELL,

Cert., Royal San. Institute.

TINTWISTLE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Tabular Statement of Sanitary Inspector, Year Ending December 31st, 1937.

Nature of Inspections made	No.	No. of Notices served		Result of Service of Notices			
		Statutory	Informal	Notices complied with	Remaining in hand	Prosecutions	
						Instituted	Pending
Dwelling Houses (General Inspections)	150	25	35	51	9	...	...
Do. Re-inspections	50	...	...	...	...	...	...
Back-to-Back Houses, &c.	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tents, Vans, Sheds	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Courts, Yards, Passages	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Privy Middens, Earth or Pail Closets, Ashpits & Ashbins	110	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fresh Water Closets and Waste Water Closets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
House Drainage...	150	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cesspools	5	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ditches, Watercourses. &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offensive Accumulations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
The Keeping of Animals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offensive Trades	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
(a) Slaughterhouses (Private)	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
(b) Other places where food is produced or sold	5	...	...	...	...	...	...
Piggeries	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
(a) Dairies...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...
(b) Cowsheds	5	...	...	...	...	...	...
(c) Milkshops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
(a) Factories	5	...	...	...	...	...	...
(b) Workshops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
(c) Workplaces	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
(d) Other Workers' Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bakehouse (Overground)	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Common Lodging Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Houses Let in Lodgings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Smoke Observations	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Infectious Disease (Inquiries and Re-visits)	20	...	...	...	...	...	...
Water Samples	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Miscellaneous	160	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTALS	623	25	35	51	9	...	...

June 6th, 1938. (Signed) WILLIAM BELL, Sanitary Inspector.